1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: Mr. Heller
1 - Public Affairs Office
Attn: Mr. Maynard
1 - Mr. Bassett
1 - Mr. Foster
December 8, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated November 28, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested the FBI [redacted] was further requested that [redacted] HSCA

On December 4, 1978, HSCA Staff Member Gerald Hamilton made the following modification of HSCA's requests contained in referenced letter. The HSCA desires a [redacted] Also needed is [redacted] HSCA

A review of appropriate records at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) and contact with FBIHQ officials having knowledge of some aspects of the CRD as it existed in 1968 disclosed the following information:

By memorandum to all Bureau officials dated August 15, 1961, Mr. Hoover instructed that all inquiries from the press, without exception, be referred to the office of Cartha D. DeLoach, who was the Assistant Director of the CRD at that time. Following this instruction, the Front Office of the CRD remained responsible for all press and media operations until 1972, at which time, under Acting Director L. Patrick Gray, the Division was dissolved.

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In 1968, the Assistant Director of CRD was Thomas E. Bishop. The Front Office consisted of Mr. Bishop; a Number 1 Man, James F. Bland; a Number 2 Man, Harold P. Leinbaugh; and a Number 3 Man, Hobson A. Adcock. All news and media inquiries were the responsibility of these four individuals. Exceptions to this policy were weekends and other occasions of absence, at which time their functions were handled by other designated personnel of the CRD.

The Research Section of the CRD was responsible for researching and frequently preparing press releases. In some instances, when voluminous media sources needed to be advised concerning a particular press release, Research Section personnel assisted. However, in the normal course of business, matters involving press releases and relations with all media contacts were handled by the Front Office of the CRD.

Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable or is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 12/8/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."